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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, KS

SUBJECT: FORMER ROK CIA DIRECTOR LEAVES ROK

1. PRIMIN SECRETARY HAN SANG-KUK TOLD POL COUNSELOR CONFIDENTIALLY THAT FORMER ROK CIA DIRECTOR YI HU-RAK AND HIS WIFE HAVE LEFT COUNTRY WITHOUT PRESIDENT'S PERMISSION.

2. HAN SAID THAT YI DEPARTED DECEMBER 18 ON CATHAY PACIFIC FLIGHT. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH YI SINCE HIS DEPARTURE, HAN THINKS THAT HE IS NOW IN PARIS.

3. ACCORDING HAN, YI HU-RAK, AT TIME HE APPLIED FOR VISA FROM U.S. EMBASSY, HAD BEEN TOLD BY PRESIDENT TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY FOR A WHILE. HOWEVER, YI APPARENTLY BECAME NERVOUS OVER POLITICAL SITUATION AND OBVIOUS PUBLIC HATRED OF HIMSELF AS WELL AS FEAR THAT HE MIGHT BE INVESTIGATED FOR ILLICIT FORTUNE GATHERING. (ON LAST POINT, HAN PROMISED TO GIVE MORE BACKGROUND LATER.)

4. HAN INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT WAS FURIOUS ABOUT HIS UNAUTHORIZED DEPARTURE AND ROKG IS SO FAR HUSHING MATTER UP. HE COMMENTED WRONGLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO HAVE "ANOTHER KIM HYONG-UK SECRET

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CASE" ON ITS HANDS.

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